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Inventor(s) Olle Olsson			
Title of Invention OPERATION DEVICE			

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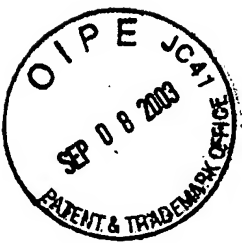
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. In particular the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) have been satisfied as shown by the enclosed payment of \$ 180 fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,333,270	Catlett	06/08/82

B. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
1 406 126	U.K.	09/17/75
0 166 285 A2	EP	01/02/84

II. DISCUSSION

A. European Patent Reference No. 0 166 285

Based solely on the drawings and the attached English language Abstract, the '285 patent reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose an automatic closing mechanism for a door that uses a damping piston-and-cylinder unit. It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 4,660,250 corresponds to the '285 patent reference.

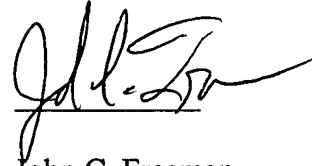
The '285 patent reference was cited as a Y-type reference in a Search Report in corresponding PCT Patent Application No. PCT/SE00/00836. A Y-type reference is pertinent to patentability when combined with one or more Y-type references.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner

review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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